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- 45 min. the submarginal tentacles on one side of the leaf were much inflected, so as to touch the specimen.
- 60 " the same as the last, except the upper submarginal tentacles begin to inflect.
- 90 " marginal t. beginning to inflect.
- 2 hrs. only a slight change.
- 2½ " the submarginal t. nearly all inflected, and these nearest the substance touching it.
- 3½ " slight change among the marginal t.
- 18 " the submarginal and marginal tentacles inflected so as to touch the specimen on one side; the remainder inflecting slowly.
- 24 " change only slight.
- 38 " all the submarginal inflected and touching the substance, and, also, nearly all the marginal tentacles.
- 48 " all the tentacles inflected, touching the substance; the edges of the tentacles are also slightly inflected
- 66 " tentacles and edges of the leaf closely clasping the specimen.
- 123 " the same as the last, except the edges of the leaf are beginning to reflex.
- 159 " edges of the leaf reflexing slowly, but all of the t., except a few marginal ones, are still inflected.
- 166 " leaf gradually opening.
- 216 " leaf nearly expanded, but most of the t. still inflected somewhat.
- 302 " tentacles reflexing rapidly.
- 312 " tentacles, both disk, marginal and submarginal, on one side much reflexed.
- 326 " tentacles apparently dried not much reflexed from the last.
- 408 " no change, excepting that the ones already partly reflexed are more so.
- 528 " tentacles considerably dried; leaf without color; substance dried; no secretion.
- 600 " leaf and tentacles still somewhat inflected, but all parts apparently gradually opening.
- 648 " same as the last; a white mould present on the leaf; tentacles, especially the ends of some, dry; no secretion.
- 672 " no mould present; one side of the leaf dry and dead.
- 768 " leaf completely dried and dead. — W. K. HIGLEY, *Ann Arbor, Mich.*

BROWN UNIVERSITY HERBARIUM.—In addition to the classical herbarium of the late Stephen T. Olney, bequeathed to Brown University, together with a fund for its increase and for the maintenance of the botanical library, the college has, within a few weeks, received from Mr. James L. Bennett, of Providence, a gift of his herbarium of 13,000 species. This valuable collection has been amassed during thirty years of unremitting labor as a side occupation. In it are rep-

resented nearly all the regions of the globe— even some of the most remote and inaccessible. The specimens are in fine condition, but mostly unmounted. The University accepts them on Mr. Bennett's terms, which are simply that they be mounted, cased and properly cared for; also, that they be made available to botanical students under proper restrictions. Mr. W. W. Bailey, since 1877 Instructor of Botany at Brown, has now the additional title and duties of Curator of the Herbaria. The united collections of Messrs. Olney, Bennett and Bailey, make a nucleus of which any institution might be proud. It is well known that Mr. Olney was a specialist of high rank in the study of *Carex* and his collection of Carices must remain classic. The herbarium is, however, rich in American botany generally, and contains some fine special *suites*, as Robbin's *Potamogetons*, Sullivant's and Austin's Mosses, Wright's Cuban Plants, Hall and Thurber's and Fendler's collections, &c. Accompanying *Carex* are the exquisite colored drawings by J. H. Emerton, made under Mr. Olney's direction, to illustrate his projected monograph of the genus. Valuable notes accompany these. Mr. Olney's botanical correspondence covers many years and is of peculiar interest. It contains letters from all the leading botanists of America.

The curator takes pleasure in calling attention to the Brown University Herbarium, and asks aid of his scientific friends in increasing and extending its usefulness. Every courtesy will be extended to visiting botanists.—J. M. C.

DEATH OF AN OLD BOTANIST.—Dr. S. B. Mead died at his home in Augusta, Illinois, Nov. 11th, 1880, in the 82d year of his age. He was born in Connecticut, graduated from Yale College in 1820, and in 1834 settled in Augusta. In the practice of his profession, taking long rides over the prairies in every direction, he had an opportunity to study the flora of the region before it was disturbed by cultivation. He collected largely and made some interesting discoveries, his best find being *Asclepias Meadii*, which is a rare plant in collections even now. He exchanged with the leading botanists of the past generation and did not lose his interest in botany up to the day of his death. The writer visited him last spring, found him active and in good spirits and took pleasure in looking through his collection with him. His death was caused by a fall several weeks previous, but he was able to be about until the last and died with very little suffering. His collection includes many interesting Western and Southern plants gathered by Hall, Lindheimer, Ravenel, T. J. Hale, M. A. Curtis, Dr. Short and others. It would make a valuable present to some college, or would enrich the herbarium of almost any private collector. It will be disposed of together with his botanical library, by his widow, Mrs. S. B. Mead, Augusta, Ill.—\*

CONTRIBUTORS to Mr. S. T. Olney's *Carices Boreali Americana* are requested to communicate at once with Mr. James L. Bennett, of Providence, R. I., who has been requested by President Robinson,